



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

7:30 AM

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Shields called the July 1, 2025 Naperville Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Naperville Employee University (NEU) at the Municipal Center, located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Grant Cowen; John Cuff; Jan Erickson; Andy Hynes; Seth Michael; Tiffani Picco; Johnna Shields; Mike Sullivan and Carl Wohlt

Absent: Hannah Brauer; and Ian Holzhauer

Also Present: Tim Ball, Gary R. Weber and Associates, Inc. (GRWA); Jesus Cortez, NCTV17; Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Mike DiCristina, Naperville Park District; Brian Dusak, Engineering Resource Associates (ERA); Pat Kennedy, former Riverwalk Commission Chair; Peggy Motta, Naperville Park District; Stephanie Penick, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; Carl Peterson, GRWA; and Geoff Roehll, former Riverwalk Commission Chair

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no public comments.

D. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Riverwalk Project Updates - Andy Hynes

Receive the update on various Riverwalk projects currently in progress

Hynes provided an update on the following four projects on or adjacent to the Riverwalk.

Eagle Street Gateway: Construction continues with good progress being made. A portion of the low flow walk was recently poured in addition to various retaining walls and foundations. Completion of the project may shift to late September or October based on the most recent discussions with

the contractor.

Fredenhagen Park Fountain Repairs: The fountain repair has been delayed due to various unexpected conditions to include leaks in the plumbing system, deficient electrical components and maintenance issues with the chlorination system. An authorization to address these issues is under review for Council approval at the next City Council meeting.

Fredenhagen Park Miscellaneous Repairs: Park District staff has requested quotes (due by July 3rd) to clean and refinish various elements within Fredenhagen Park. Picco discussed the items to be addressed which include refinishing the Ipe wood, the clock tower, some of the arbors and refreshing some of the limestone. Requests for quotes were sent to six companies and separated by 1) the clock tower and surrounding trellises; and 2) the entire park.

Cuff noted that with the completion of the bridge and the recent pruning by Park District staff, the view of the Fredenhagen statues has changed and he no longer thinks they should be relocated.

Washington Street Bridge: The Washington Street Bridge project is complete. The low flow walk on the east side of the bridge will be continued with the upcoming 430 S. Washington Street project.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Johnna Shields

Approve minutes from the June 3, 2025 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting

Attachments: [25PDCMinutes0603](#)

A motion to approve the June 3, 2025 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting minutes was made by Cuff and seconded by Sullivan.
MOTION CARRIED

2. Park District Report - Tiffani Picco

Picco discussed the Riverwalk brochure that is being updated by the Park District, noting that it would be updated once new projects are built. The brochures will be available at various areas to include the Park District office, Chamber of Commerce, and the Municipal Center.

Earthworks planted the perennial plugs in the shoreline restoration project area, which is now complete. She encouraged the group to visit the Prairie Nature Garden as the black-eyed Susans have created a beautiful sea of

yellow.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Draft 2026 Riverwalk Capital Improvement Plan - Andy Hynes

Review and provide feedback regarding the draft 2026 Riverwalk Capital Improvement Plan submittal

Attachments: [Draft CY26 Riverwalk CIP](#)

Hynes reviewed the draft 2026 Riverwalk Capital Improvement Plan information included in the agenda packet. He reviewed the table which lists various proposed Riverwalk projects from 2025 to 2030 and includes draft design and construction costs. Most of the projects were carried over from the previous year with two additions as follows: replacement of the Rotary Hill irrigation system, and the reroofing of the Moser Bridge (covered bridge at Webster). He reminded the group that this information is preliminary, and they are still working through the updates. The numbers for the South Extension and Hillside Gateway have been updated and are reflected in the document.

Hynes discussed the two major upcoming projects for 2026 to include 1) the 430 S. Washington Street project; and 2) South Extension and the Hillside Gateway projects. He noted the \$1.1M grant from the state that may be in jeopardy if we don't move forward, and the easement granted by North Central College due to the Washington Street Bridge construction which stipulates construction on the park commence within twelve or eighteen months after the bridge completion.

Cuff inquired about including the area between the river and Centennial Beach that was previously discussed during the AMP walk. ERA has been monitoring but the information hasn't been updated in a couple of years.

The draft 2026 CIP submittal will be included on next week's Riverwalk Commission agenda for further discussion.

Shields advised that she and Erickson received an email from the Downtown Advisory Committee regarding their interest in revisiting the parking deck at Nichols Library. Erickson provided background on the project history and discussed the potential to expand the Riverwalk by possibly repurposing the existing Riverwalk surface parking lot. Discussion followed on downtown parking studies, the possible addition of 370 spaces, impacts to stormwater and concerns with removing any existing surface lots for accessibility.

Sullivan inquired about plans for the 430 S. Washington Street project. The

consultants are updating this information and will plan to review at next month's meeting. It was noted that representatives from North Central College should be included.

Shields advised that the City Manager's office would be conducting Board and Commission Member training at the July 9th Riverwalk Commission meeting and that all future meetings will be audio recorded.

G. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Commission, July 9, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, August 5, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, August 13, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction, September 2, 2025
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cowen and seconded by Erickson. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
/S/ Rebecca DeLarme
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